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Prescribed Fires in the Bookcliffs

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Vernal, Utah - The Vernal Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management would like to advise the public that they are planning to conduct prescribed burns at two locations this fall in the upper portions of the Bookcliffs. The purpose of the proposed burns is to reduce hazardous fuel loads and to improve wildlife habitat.

The two projects are located in the Moon Ridge and Rat Hole Canyon areas. The Moon Ridge prescribed burn project is approximately 15,000 acres in size and the Rat Hole Canyon project is about 7,500 acres. The actual burning in both areas is scheduled to take place sometime between September 13 and October 31. Each project is expected to take 3-4 days to complete. Burning operations will be conducted by helicopter. Access into the burn areas will be limited during burning operations.

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